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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims

Claim 1 is cancelled.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claim 3 is cancelled.

Claim 4 is cancelled.

5. (previously presented) A connecting rod comprising:

a connecting rod body having a crank arm bore formed in a first end and a pin bore formed in a second end;

a tube connected to the body for carrying lubricant from the first end to the second end, the tube being external to the body between the first and second ends; and

a plurality of spray holes formed in the second end for spraying lubricant received from the tube onto a piston;

wherein said plurality of spray holes comprises a top hole for spraying a piston dome and side holes for spraying a piston skirt.

6. (previously presented) A connecting rod comprising:

a connecting rod body having a crank arm bore formed in a first end and a pin bore formed in a second end;

a tube connected to the body for carrying lubricant from the first end to the second end, the tube being external to the body between the first and second ends;

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a plurality of spray holes formed in the second end for spraying lubricant received from the tube onto a piston;

wherein the connecting rod body has a first drilled passage formed in the first end and a second drilled passage formed in the second end, and said tube has opposing ends received in the first and second drilled passages, respectively; and

first and second bushing members positioned in the pin bore forming a channel therebetween and each having a plurality of squirt grooves formed therein, wherein lubricant is received from the second drilled passage into said channel and distributed to a piston dome and a piston skirt/bore interface through said plurality of squirt grooves.

Claim 7 is cancelled.

8. (previously presented) A connecting rod comprising:

a connecting rod body having a crank arm bore formed in a first end and a pin bore formed in a second end; and

a tube connected to the body for carrying lubricant from the first end to the second end;

wherein the tube is attached to the body by tack-welded straps.

Claim 9 is cancelled.

Claim 10 is cancelled.

Claim 11 is cancelled.

Claim 12 is cancelled.

Claim 13 is cancelled.

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Claim 14 is cancelled.

15. (previously presented) The connecting rod of claim 5, wherein the connecting rod body has a first drilled passage formed in the first end and a second drilled passage formed in the second end, and said tube has opposing ends received in the first and second drilled passages, respectively.

Claim 16 is cancelled.

Claim 17 is cancelled.

18. (previously presented) A connecting rod comprising:

a connecting rod body having a crank arm bore formed in a first end and a pin bore formed in a second end;

a tube connected to the body for carrying lubricant from the first end to the second end;

wherein the connecting rod body has a first drilled passage formed in the first end and a second drilled passage formed in the second end, and said tube has opposing ends inserted into the first and second drilled passages, respectively;

wherein the tube is attached to the body by tack-welded straps.

Claim 19 is cancelled.

Claim 20 is cancelled.

Claim 21 is cancelled.

22. (currently amended) A connecting rod comprising:

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a connecting rod body having a crank arm bore formed in a first end and a pin bore formed in a second end;

a tube connected to the body for carrying lubricant from the first end to the second end, the tube being external to the body between the first and second ends;

a plurality of spray holes formed in the second end for spraying lubricant received from the tube onto a piston;

wherein the connecting rod body has a first drilled passage formed in the first end and a second drilled passage formed in the second end, and said tube has opposing ends received in the first and second drilled passages, respectively;

wherein the first passage intersects the crank arm bore, and the second passage intersects the pin bore; and

wherein the crank arm bore is configured to define a crescent-shaped annulus between the connecting rod body and an upper rod bearing disposed in the crank arm bore, the crescent-shaped annulus being in fluid communication with the first drilled passage such that lubricant is supplied to the first end through the crescent-shaped annulus.

23. (previously presented) The connecting rod of claim 22, wherein the upper rod bearing defines at least one opening displaced from a vertical centerline of the connecting rod body, said at least one opening being in fluid communication with the crescent-shaped annulus for distributing lubricant to the first end.